

ORDINANCE NO.: A09-2

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER OF THE TOWN OF
BRIDGEVILLE CODE RELATING TO ALARMS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Bridgeville have determined that in order to better serve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bridgeville, it is necessary to revise the Town of Bridgeville Code to create a Chapter that deals with the standards for alarm systems used by any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity or any agent, officer, or employee thereof on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the Town.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. Create a new Chapter of the Town of Bridgeville Code, entitled "Alarms", to read as follows:

Section 1- Definitions.

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following definitions shall be applicable unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary:

ALARM SYSTEM

Includes any mechanical or electrical device used for the detection of burglars, robbery, fire or other hazard within a building, structure or facility or for alerting others to the commission of an unlawful act or hazard, or either or both, within a building, structure or facility, including all necessary equipment designed and installed for the detection of burglars, robbery, or other hazard in a single building, structure or facility or for alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act within a building, structure or facility.

ALARM USER

Includes any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity or any agent, officer, or employee thereof on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the Town.

FALSE ALARM

Includes the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or because of negligence of the owner or lessee or the agent, servant, employee or business invitee of the owner or lessee, including the use of an alarm to summon police personnel for reasons other than those listed on the alarm system, but shall not

include alarms which, in the opinion of the Chief of Police of the Town of Bridgeville, are caused by electrical interruptions, floods, or other natural disasters.

Section 2- Excessive false alarms prohibited.

Alarm users shall not cause more than three alarm signals within a calendar year that elicit notification to the Bridgeville Police Department where it is discovered that a situation requiring a response by the police does not exist, and that is further defined as a "false alarm."

Section 3- Alarm maintenance.

Every alarm user shall maintain its alarm system in such a manner as to minimize the number of incidents of false alarms to the police.

Section 4- Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of \$150 for the fourth, fifth and sixth false alarm responded to by the Bridgeville Police Department within a calendar year and a fine of \$250 for the seventh and each subsequent false alarm responded to by the Bridgeville Police Department within a calendar year.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by a majority of all members elected to the Town Commission.

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE

By: _____

President

Attest: _____

Secretary

Date of First Reading: February 9, 2009

Date of Second Reading: March 9, 2009

Adopted: March 9, 2009